

January 9, 2012 Joint Meeting with Kent School District Board of Directors
Approved: January 24, 2012

City of Covington
City Council Joint Meeting with Kent School District Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 9, 2012

(This meeting was recorded and will be retained for a period of six years from the date of the meeting).

The Joint Meeting with the Kent School District Board of Directors was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, January 9, 2012, at 6:04 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, David Lucavish (arrived @ 6:12 p.m.), Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Lanza

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Debbie Straus, Tim Clark, Karen DeBruler, and Russ Hanscom.

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bill Boyce.

COVINGTON STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Lee Vargas, Superintendent; Dr. Brent Jones, Chief Talent Officer; Dr. Richard Stedry, Chief Business Officer; Dr. Linda Del Giudice, Chief Accountability Officer; Dr. Eric Hong, School Improvement Officer; Jeanette Ristau, School Improvement Officer; Thuan Nguyen, Chief Information and Automated Operations Officer; and Jeff Sweeney, School Improvement Officer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS:

Mayor Margaret Harto asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

Joshua Max, Boy Scout Troop 594, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Kent School District Strategic Plan.

President Straus introduced this item, and then Dr. Vargas gave the presentation.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Dr. Vargas provided responses.

- a. School Closure Process.

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Dr. Stedry gave the presentation on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Dr. Stedry provided responses.

2. City of Covington Town Center Plan.

Community Development Director Richard Hart gave the presentation on this item.

Questions were asked, and Mr. Hart provided responses.

3. City's Request for Right-of-First-Refusal to Purchase Covington Elementary School.

City Manager Derek Matheson gave the presentation on this item.

Kent School District indicated they would agree to form a proposal at an upcoming meeting to accept the City's request for right-of-first-refusal to purchase Covington Elementary School and grant that request.

Board Member Tim Clark proposed an interlocal agreement between the Kent School District and the City of Covington to address local disasters.

Councilmember Snoey mentioned the "No Child Left Behind Act" and requested an update on this issue. Dr. Vargas provided a response on the improvements that have been made.

Mayor Harto requested an update on the land that the Kent School District owns; and Dr. Stedry provided an inventory of current school district owned property.

Mayor Harto inquired as to how the facility use agreement was working with Covington Community Sports. Dr. Stedry reported that this agreement was under the direction of the athletic department; however, to the best of his knowledge there had not been any negative reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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